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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## TEEN TRENDS

By REV. CLAY A. COOPER  
Spokane, Washington

NATIONALLY, the teen-trend is alarming! Net results in anti-social behaviour adds up annually to slightly less than two million crimes, an average of one major crime committed every 18 seconds and with far too high a percentage of these being committed by mere youngsters. Our nation has over five million criminals in the making. 160,000 police officers are not able to curb this national drift. Factually, within the span of their lifetime 100,000,000 Americans can look forward to being victimized. Statistically, at present youth trends, more Americans will be murdered in the next generation than were claimed by enemy fire during World War II. By the time our present "younger generation" has reached adulthood, the entire national debt could have been paid if the cost of their crimes could have been diverted into the national treasury. Increasingly, the national crime problem is a youth problem.

DOMESTICALLY speaking, the trend is tragic! The average home knows little or nothing of family prayer, daily devotions, grace at mealtime, family pews, etc. In their places have come high

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Rev. Clay Cooper

## "When I See THE BLOOD"

By REV. WM. E. TROUP  
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"And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."—Exod. 12:13.

"For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you."—Exod. 12:23.

(God sent Moses to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to demand that the Hebrew slaves should be released, that they might be led to Palestine and there found a new nation. God said, "Let my people go," and sent mighty plagues and miracles to convince the wicked king. The last of the ten plagues was the death of the first-born in every home in Egypt where there was not the blood of a lamb put upon the door according to instructions. God gave instructions as to how the blood of the Passover lamb was to be caught in a basin and then a bunch of hyssop was to be dipped in the blood and struck upon the lintel and the doorposts. And God promised that the death angel would not enter the house to kill the first-born.

The editor writes this introductory word before the wonderful sermon by Dr. Troup.)

### Angel Slays First-Born

The tenth and last of the Egyptian plagues was a miracle of life and death. It was the crowning miracle. It touched Pharaoh's own household, bowed his heart, and broke his will—but only temporarily.

God had given specific instructions concerning the Passover lamb. How extremely rich in typical foreshadowing and spiritual truth is the twelfth chapter of Exodus! The lamb must be without blemish (the character of the Lamb of God was spotless). The lamb was a male, taken out from the flock, separated (God's Lamb separated Himself and was alone). The lamb was killed by the whole congregation (so was

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Rev. Wm. E. Troup

## Reserve Room Now for Chicago Conference Nov. 21-28!

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By the Editor

Are you planning to be in Chicago for the great conference on soul winning and revival sponsored by THE SWORD OF THE LORD Thanksgiving week? A car load of preachers are coming from Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, we were told Sunday. We expect hundreds of others. Remember that is November 21-28, Sunday through Sunday, at the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, 3100 North Clark Street. We believe that this is the strongest program planned to stir revival fires held in America in many years. We urge every Christian who possibly can to plan to come for the entire week or as many days as possible, and come prepared to wait upon God and be blessed, to learn to win souls, learn to have revivals, learn the Word of God on prayer, on the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and on daily Christian victory. Every church that possibly can should pay the expenses of its pastor to this great conference on revival. What a blessed way to stir a church and bring revival through God's leader, the pastor!

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And of course our readers must act with courtesy in this matter. If for any reason you find you cannot come, then the hotel room must be cancelled immediately, ahead of time, so the hotel will suffer no loss. I suggest that

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## Prevailing Prayer for Holy Spirit Power

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"—Luke 11:13.

"I don't believe in praying for the Holy Spirit," says some reader. "But you are mistaken, my friend. If you believe in prayer at all and if you are a Bible Christian, however mistaught in your theology, you do believe in praying for the fullness of the Holy Spirit and I can prove that you do.

Did you ever pray for a revival? I hope you have. How can anybody draw near to God without pleading for the poor sinning, dying world about us! How can any earnest Christian fail to pray for a revival in the church and a reviving upon all the hearts of God's people, on the one hand; and, on the other, for a turning of poor lost sinners to Christ as a result of this revival in the church! But who brings revival? It is the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit can bring revival among the saints and regeneration to the lost. So if you prayed

for a revival, you prayed for the endowment of power from on high, the coming of the Holy Spirit in fullness upon Christians.

Did you ever pray for God to bless a preacher, to give him boldness, wisdom and power, and to open the hearts of sinners who heard the preacher? Then, whether you knew it or not, you were praying for that preacher to be endowed with power from on high, praying for him to be filled with the Holy Spirit or for the Holy Spirit to come upon him.

Did you ever ask the dear Lord to help you in dealing with some soul, in showing some sinner the way of salvation? Did you ever pray for God to convict this sinner and cause him to repent? Then you were praying for the Holy Spirit of God to be with you in power to fill you and make you able to win souls. It is only the Holy Spirit who convicts sinners. And He does it particularly through the preached Word and the testimony of Christians when they are filled with the Holy Spirit.

You see that Christians who fol-

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Merrill Dunlop, Song Leader for Sword Conference on Evangelism, Chicago, November 21-28

### Radio Time Change

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By VIOLA WALDEN, Secretary to Dr. Rice

Last week we shared with you many letters telling the glorious news of how God has saved people through THE SWORD OF THE LORD and the editor's literature. There was more than we could publish in one issue, so here we give other delightful letters telling of salvation. Read them with us and join us in rejoicing and in prayer for increased blessings on this ministry through literature.

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Mrs. E. L. Woodward  
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### Saved Through SWORD OF THE LORD Sermons Through Gift Subscriptions

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## "When I See The Blood"

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God's Lamb). The Passover lamb was killed "between the evenings," that is, between noon and night (the Lamb of God died at three in the afternoon, at the very time appointed, thus fulfilling the Scriptures).

The shedding of the blood and its application is the prominent thing in the Passover. "Pesach" means "to pass through" or "to pass over." God passed through Egypt in judgment; Israel and Egypt alike were guilty and judgment would fall upon both except where the God-provided remedy was applied. God provided a sacrifice, a shed-blood shelter, and a complete deliverance.

"When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

### I. The Source of Israel's Secure and Solid Shelter in That Awful Night of Death and Judgment was in the Blood of the Lamb Shed and Applied.

No doubt there were Israelitish skeptics and even infidels in Egypt, some who thought "old man" Moses had a serious hallucination. At any rate, they thought a person must be careful about appearing too fanatical and cranky!

#### What God Saw in Egypt

Come with me. This is Passover night in Egypt. The angel of death is allowing us to go with him on that fateful journey through some of the villages and out in the countryside of Egypt to get firsthand information regarding the reactions to instructions of God through Moses for the Passover.

Look! there is a beautiful white ribbon on the door of that home, tied into an attractive bow. Knock! Knock! and the man of the house opens the door. "Sir, what is the meaning of the white ribbon on your door?" He replies, "Well, that man Moses says that the death angel will pass through Egypt tonight and slay the first-born in every home where there is no blood upon the door posts and lintel but I have my own ideas about religion. I have no use for this slaughterhouse business. I believe in purity and believe that since I have lived a clean, pure life, God will do the right thing by me and spare my son."

Yes, God, too, believes in purity. He says, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8). Also, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart" (Psa. 24:3, 4). But God knows that there can be no salvation on account of purity for there can be no purity of heart and life without the shed blood; for "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I, the Lord, search the heart" (Jer. 17:9, 10). "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7).

And so, before the night passes, while the white ribbon still hangs on the door outside, there is death of the first-born on the inside.

We pass on and come to another home where we find a piece of papyrus on the door. We go closer and read. The householder has written down his creed, has enumerated his good deeds and has clearly traced his pedigree. The angel looks on the doorposts and lintel, shakes his head and solemnly says, "I see no blood"; he enters and the first-born is slain. "Not by works of righteousness which we have

done, but according to his mercy he saved us" (Titus 3:5). "Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:9).

At a suburban home the angel pauses and turns in. He searches in vain for blood upon the door, not a drop can be found. This father is a despoiler. He dislikes being saved by the death of another. He has despised the nine former warnings of God. The end of God's patience has come. "Ye would not come to me that ye might have life." He has said, "I will ignore the warning, I will do nothing about it." The angel enters the rebel's house and the only son dies. Oh, that this father had learned that

"There is power, power, wonder working power,  
In the precious blood of the Lamb."

"He that despised Moses' law died without mercy" (Heb. 10:28).

We approach another home and find a lamb tied to the door. It is a male of the first year and without blemish; it has been separated from the flock for four days. It meets every specification of God's passover lamb—only, it is alive. God says, "Without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22); the author of Christian Science says, "The blood of Jesus Christ was of no more avail when it was shed upon the cursed tree, than when it was flowing through His veins in daily life." Which will you believe, Mrs. Eddy or God? The master of the house says, "Here is God's lamb, clean, without blemish, and alive; surely this is better than the vulgar, blood-bespattered posts"; but God says, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." The yearling lamb lives but the first-born son dies.

We must hurry on, the night is being fast spent. What is this? A dead pet. It is a pitiful sight and the children within are still sobbing because father killed their only pet lamb. Again as the angel scans the doorway, he gravely enters the cottage. This home experiences a dead lamb on the doorstep and a dead son in the bed chamber. "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Pro. 16:25).

Again we pause at a beautiful palace to examine the doorway. A perfect lamb has been killed, its blood was caught in a basin which stands on the doorstep, and a bunch of hyssop lies beside it. This Israelite does not want to soil his beautiful door and feels in his heart that God surely will be satisfied with his blood and hyssop offering. The angel sees the basin of blood—but, it is not applied! "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isa. 55:8). God said they should put it above and on each side of the door to indicate that they were covered by it. This man said, "My way is just as good," and death is found even in that home.

#### Is The Blood Applied?

There is a legend that in Egypt on the night when the blood was to be applied, a young Jewish girl—the first-born of the family—was so troubled that she could not sleep. "Father," she anxiously inquired, "are you sure that the blood is there?" He replied that he had ordered it to be

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low the Bible command and example to pray for revival are really praying for the fullness of the Spirit to come upon God's people. Second Chronicles 7:14 teaches people to pray for revival. Habakkuk prayed, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years" (Hab. 3:2). The Psalmist cried out, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in Thee?" (Psa. 85:6). The only way God can answer prayer for revival is to fill His people with the Holy Spirit. Thus He enables preachers to preach, enables parents, teachers and friends to do effective soul winning. Only by the fullness of the Holy Spirit can any Christian do the soul-saving work that is done in a revival. And all who long for the salvation of sinners are longing for something that can only come as God's people are filled with the Spirit and thus are enabled and empowered to carry the gospel and witness effectively.

The blessed Holy Spirit Himself seems to teach people this lesson. The ultradispensationalists, the followers of Darby and others, have builded a theology that discourages prayer for the fullness of the Holy Spirit, that discourages a hope for a repetition of such anointings and baptisms of the Spirit as occurred in Bible times. Yet new converts come along and, led of the Spirit, ignorant of man-made theology, pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit! Our seminaries pour out men who are taught to play down the endowment of power from on high and to minimize any teaching of waiting upon God for the fullness of the Spirit. Yet the song writers, led of the Spirit, keep on writing great songs which are prayers for the coming of the Spirit. Among famous hymns I think of, "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"; "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"; "Holy Ghost, with Light Divine"; "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide"; "Holy Spirit, From on High." These are not all prayer-songs for Holy Spirit power in witnessing, but they are all prayers to the Holy Spirit. And there are many, many songs written by Spirit-filled men which do plead for the Holy Spirit's power in soul winning. "Pentecostal Power" by Homer and Gabriel has been blessed to thousands.

Bathurst and Townner wrote "The Old-Time Fire" which pleads,

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On us, Thy Holy Spirit pour!

Another song, "Fill Me Now," by E. H. Stokes and John R. Sweney:

Hover o'er me, Holy Spirit,  
Bathe my trembling heart  
and brow;  
Fill me with Thy hallowed  
presence,  
Come, O come, and fill me  
now.

And again,

... eternal Spirit,  
Fill with pow'r, and fill me  
now.

Paul Rader's famous hymn, "Old-Time Power," teaches people to sing the prayer,

Spirit, now melt and move  
All of our hearts with  
love,  
Breathe on us from above  
With old-time power.

Is it any accident that Spirit-filled song writers like Fanny Crosby, Peter Billhorn, B. B. McKinney, Paul Rader, A. B. Simpson, Oswald J. Smith and others like them have felt moved of God to write songs which are inspired prayers pleading for the power of the Holy Spirit?

I live in a region where it is the popular fad, these recent decades, to teach that any prayer for the fullness of the Spirit is fanaticism, that Pentecost can never be repeated, that every Christian has all of the Holy Spirit there is for him, and that Christians are simply to believe that they are filled with the Spirit and they are. But in this same area, among these good Christians with the ultradispensational tinge and bent to their theology, there ever recurs again and again this theme in songs and choruses which move the hearts of people to pray for Holy Spirit power. The chorus arranged and popularized in America by my friend, Rev. Daniel Iverson, "Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me," has been used all over this country with great blessing to Christians as they prayed for the fullness of the Holy Spirit, despite their ultradispensational theology! The old song, "O Lord, Send the Power Just now!" Harry B. Clarke's chorus, "Breathe on me!" and many others have been most helpful.

The simple truth is that spiritually-minded Christians are moved and taught by the Holy Spirit to pray for His fullness and power, and to wait on Him for His pouring out upon them as a miraculous endowment of power for witnessing! Indeed, Bible, Christians do believe in praying for the Holy Spirit.

In the former chapter we said that wholehearted obedience to the soul-winning program of Christ is a condition of being filled with the Holy Spirit. But this chapter is to show that those who are to be filled with the Spirit must also seek God's face with prevailing prayer. Obedience and prayer are the two great conditions that cover all the requirements for those who would be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Now I should like to show you, first, that the fullness of the Spirit is plainly promised in the Bible to those who prevail in prayer; second, that there are many Bible examples of Christians who were filled with the Spirit as a result of their own prayers; and, third, that there are Bible examples of people filled with the Holy Spirit because others prayed.

### 1. The Fullness of The Spirit Plainly Promised in Answer to Prayer

1. Jesus Said in Luke 11:13, "How Much More Shall Your Heavenly Father Give the Holy Spirit to Them That Ask Him?"

Here is a plain statement that God gives the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.

It is always a sad thing when anybody's theology leads him to discount or practically throw away any of the promises in the Bible. Unfortunately that is

what has happened with many people to this blessed verse in Luke 11:13. A certain group of ultradispensational tendencies, have influenced some to believe that Luke 11:13 is out of date, that that promise no longer holds good for Christians. And the notes in the Scofield Bible, unfortunately, have been influenced by this ultradispensational tendency taught by Darby and others. The Scofield Reference Bible is the best reference Bible in the world. I use it constantly. It has blessed thousands. But on this matter it is wrong.

In a note on this verse, this great reference Bible says:

"It is evident that none of the disciples, with the possible exception of Mary of Bethany, ask- (Continued on Page 3)

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ed for the Spirit in the faith of this promise. It was a new and staggering thing to a Jew that, in advance of the fulfilment of Joel 2:28, 29, all might receive the Spirit. Mary alone of the disciples understood Christ's repeated declaration concerning His own death and resurrection (John 12:3-7). Save Mary, not one of the disciples but Peter, and he only in the great confession (Matt. 16:17) manifested a spark of spiritual intelligence till after the resurrection of Christ and the impartation of the Spirit (John 20:22; Acts 2:1-4). To go back to the promise of Luke 11:13, is to forget Pentecost, and to ignore the truth that now every believer has the indwelling Spirit (Rom. 8:9, 15; I Cor. 6:19; Gal. 4:6; 1 John 2:20, 27).

Note the following mistakes in the above passage: (a) The Scripture does not say a word about Mary of Bethany being filled with the Spirit. The note here is mistaken. (b) Dr. Scofield forgot or ignored entirely the fact that John the Baptist was "filled with the Holy Ghost," that Elizabeth and Zacharias were "filled with the Holy Ghost," and that the Spirit came upon David, came mightily upon Samson, and that Bezaleel was "filled with the Spirit of God." Blinded by his ultradispensational conception, acquired late in life, that Pentecost was an entirely new thing never heard of before, the origin of the church, and that Pentecost simply marked the beginning of a new dispensation, Dr. Scofield entirely missed the point that Jesus made in Luke 11:13. (c) Dr. Scofield says, "To go back to the promise of Luke 11:13, is to forget Pentecost, and to ignore the truth that now every believer has the indwelling Spirit..." Here Dr. Scofield shows that he thinks Jesus in Luke 11:13 was speaking about the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, which is certainly not what Jesus had in mind. It is certain that no one was ever taught to pray for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. That happens automatically for Christians now when they are saved. It did not happen at all in Old Testament times. But Jesus was promising the fullness of the Spirit, soul-winning power to those who would ask the Father.

Let us study the context of Luke 11:13 very carefully. It will pay you to read very carefully again and study the first thirteen verses of that chapter, and so I give them here.

"And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy

Spirit to them that ask him?"—Luke 11:1-13.

Now notice the following clear truths about the teaching of Jesus in the above passage:

(a) It is all one lesson on prayer, given at one time by the Saviour. Jesus was simply answering the request, "Lord, teach us to pray."

(b) That means that if any part of this passage is out of date, all of it is out of date. For this reason many ultradispensationalists have argued that the Lord's Prayer does not belong to this "dispensation" at all! But I maintain, and certainly nineteen out of twenty of all the great Bible commentators will agree, that this model prayer is for all Christians who can honestly say, "Our Father which art in heaven." And every Christian has a right to pray that God's name will be hallowed, that the kingdom will come and His will be done in earth as it is now done in heaven. Every Christian has a right to pray for daily bread, for forgiveness and cleansing of sins; that God will lead us away from temptation and deliver us from the evil one. But if the model prayer is for Christians, then the rest of the same passage, given from the lips of the Saviour at the same time, must be for us today also.

(c) It is important to note that from verse 5 to 13 the Lord is speaking about intercessory prayer, about getting the bread of life for sinners. Jesus, in this lesson on prayer, tells of one friend who goes to another's house at midnight, saying, "Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him." The only adequate interpretation of this parable is that it represents a Christian coming to God, the great Friend who has all power, and pleading that He will give the Christian the bread of life for sinners for whom we are responsible, whom we could not win in our own strength and power. It is plainly a prayer that God will enable us to carry the bread of life to sinners.

(d) In verse 13, then, the Saviour plainly says that this power to carry the saving bread of life to others is simply the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and we are to ask our heavenly Father to give us the Holy Spirit, in His power. We already have the Holy Spirit dwelling in our bodies but many Christians do not have His fullness, His anointing, His endowment, His supernatural manifestation in soul-winning power. And Christians should pray for the Holy Spirit in this sense, according to the clear command of Jesus Christ in Luke 11:13.

In the fifty-first Psalm, David promised that if God would "take not thy holy spirit from me," then he would teach transgressors God's way and sinners would be converted. And here, with the same meaning, Jesus teaches us to pray for this fullness of the Holy Spirit, that is, for the Holy Spirit to come upon us in power so we may carry the bread of life to sinners. And that kind of a prayer would have been perfectly proper in the Old Testament times, or during the ministry of Jesus Christ, or after Pentecost, or in this twentieth century. There never was but one way for sinners to be saved. And that way is by faith in the Saviour. But the only way God has of winning men in Old Testament times or New Testament times is for God's Spirit-filled people to be witnesses. Psalm 126:5, 6, urging Christians to go and weep and carry the precious seed of the Word of God, speaks of the same duty and power and result as Jesus referred to in the Great Commission!

"To go back to this promise of Luke 11:13, is to forget Pentecost..." says Dr. Scofield. And others push away lightly this tremendous promise, saying, "Oh, but that was before Pentecost!" But let me show you how foolish it is to ignore this great promise

of God because it was given before Pentecost.

First, the promise given here by the Lord Jesus is exactly the same promise which He gave to the same disciples again just before Pentecost. In Luke 24:49 He said, "... but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." And in Acts 1:4 we are told that Jesus commanded the disciples "that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me." And this same promise of Luke 11:13 surely is what Jesus had in mind when He commanded the disciples, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost" and told them that as the Father had sent Him, he would send the disciples. To regard the promise of Luke 11:13, "... how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" as an isolated instance, a promise never repeated, a promise now out of date, is foolish in view of other like promises.

Second, the idea that praying for the Holy Spirit is out of date because the promise of Jesus in Luke 11:13 was given before Pentecost is made ridiculous by a simple fact. That fact is that this promise was not even written down till long after Pentecost! The Scofield Bible, for example, says, "The date of Luke falls between A. D. 63 and 68." About the book of Acts, written by the same divinely-inspired man, the Scofield Bible says, "The Acts concludes with the account of Paul's earliest ministry in Rome, A. D. 65, and appears to have been written at or near that time." So our best authorities agree that the book of Luke was written at least thirty years after Pentecost! In fact, it was written about the same time as the book of Acts. How silly it is to suppose that the Holy Spirit of God put down this wonderful promise, "... how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" when the promise had been out of date thirty years when the

Holy Spirit had it written down! I do not believe it! It offends a spiritual mind, it is inconsistent with the plan of God in writing the Scripture. Any simple-hearted Christian who, upon reading the blessed promise of Jesus in Luke chapter 11, should plead with the Father for bread for sinners, should earnestly wait on God to be endued with power from on high because he found the promise here in the Bible, would have a right to feel that God was trifling with him, if God should take the side of the ultradispensationalists and laugh at him and say that the promises were good long ago, but that they were only written down thirty years too late to do anybody any good! I do not believe it. The rest of the Bible does not bear it out. There is not one statement in the Bible anywhere to indicate that this blessed promise is out of date. And we are wrong to follow those who chop up the Bible and throw most of the pieces away and make most of the promises out of date.

Third, I can prove, and will prove a little further on, that the promise that the Father will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him is not out of date because this side of Pentecost a number of times we have clear examples of Christians doing exactly what this promise encourages them to do, that is, praying for the Holy Spirit and receiving His fullness and power.

### 2. In Luke 24:49 and in Acts 1:4 Jesus Commanded the Disciples to Pray for the Holy Spirit in His Fullness

Before Jesus went away He commanded the disciples to tarry at Jerusalem for the power of the Holy Spirit. Here are His words: "... but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."—Luke 24:49.

"And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the

Holy Ghost not many days hence."—Acts 1:4, 5.

One of the Scriptures quoted above commanded the disciples to "tarry" in the city of Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit's power. The other verse commanded them to "wait" for the promised baptism of the Holy Ghost. But I maintain that these two words, "tarry" and "wait," in this case mean that they were to pray for the fullness of the Holy Spirit. The reason I know that is what Jesus meant is that that is exactly what the disciples who heard Him understood Him to mean. Turn to Acts 1:14 where we are told of the Apostles, "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

How did the disciples fulfill the command to "tarry," to "wait" for the coming of the Holy Spirit's power upon them? They obeyed by continuing steadfastly in prayer and supplication. They understood that Jesus meant for them to pray, and pray they did, even with supplications.

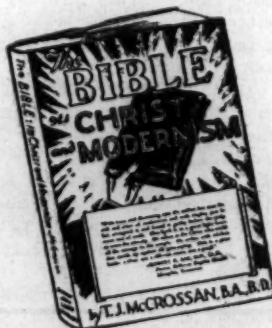
You see it was not hard for them to understand what Jesus wanted them to do. For He had already given them the promise that the heavenly Father would give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. In fact, Jesus had plainly told them that when He, the bridegroom, was taken away, then the disciples would not only pray, but fast (Mark 2:20). So, when Jesus commanded them to wait in Jerusalem and tarry until they were endued with power from on high, the disciples knew that He meant them to continue in prayer and supplication and even with fasting. And that is exactly what they did. No Christian has a right to say that he knows better what Jesus meant by His command than these disciples who heard Him and waited in the upper room until they were endued with power from on high.

"But," someone says, "Pentecost would have come, and with it the birth of the church and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, (Continued on Page 4)

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even if the disciples had not prayed."

In answer to that we may say three things. First, we cannot be very sure that the feasts in Leviticus 23:9-32 picture the resurrection of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We know that Pentecost itself was the holiday fifty days after the offering of the wave sheaf. But if the wave sheaf pictured the resurrection of Christ because the term "firstfruits" is mentioned, as in I Corinthians 15:23, then the Feast of Pentecost may well mean the same thing because the same term, "firstfruits," is also used of the wave loaves which were offered at that time. (Compare Lev. 23:10 with Lev. 23:19). It is quite certain that the Bible itself never mentions that Pentecost is the time of the founding of the church; or that Pentecost, (the Feast of Weeks or of the wave loaves) pictured the coming of the Holy Spirit to form the church. That teaching of Plymouth Brethren is not borne out by many of the best commentaries. For example, Jamieson, Fausset and Brown and Matthew Henry do not teach it, nor do many others of the best. So it is foolish to found a doctrine on our understanding of a type where there is no clear statement of the Word of God. There is no Bible teaching that the church began at Pentecost, and we cannot be sure that the Holy Spirit would have come in power at Pentecost even if the disciples had not prayed. It is certain that Jesus, talking to the disciples, did not tell them when the Holy Spirit would come. He did not say, "Tarry until Pentecost." He said simply, "Tarry ye in . . . Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high."

Second, even if God had planned to give the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, as I think He did, it would not be because He must have the fullness of the Spirit come upon the waiting disciples on the Jewish feast day. I think, as many of the best commentators do, that at Pentecost the city would be crowded with people who ought to hear the gospel, and then would be the proper time for the Christians to be filled with the Spirit and sent out to witness as Jesus had commanded them to do. When "there were . . . Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven" temporarily dwelling at Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost, it was a good time for Christians to have their great revival and their beginning of the fulfillment of the Great Commission in carrying the gospel to every creature.

But we know that the principal thing in the mind of the Lord Jesus was that His disciples should have power to witness for Him and should carry the gospel to sinners. The Bible leaves no possibility of doubt on that score. He said nothing about Pentecost being a type that must be fulfilled. And the Lord Jesus did so often speak of the fulfilling of Scriptures, it is remarkable that He did not say so here if that was what He had in mind. We do well not to set other reasons when the Lord Jesus has plainly given us the reasons why the disciples were to wait and pray. They were to tarry to be filled with power.

Third, even if the Lord Jesus had planned to fill His disciples at Pentecost, that would not mean that they should not pray for this power and wait before God. Cannot God move the hearts of His people to be prepared for the blessing He intends to bestow? If God is to bring a great revival on your city at a certain time, you may be sure that He intends before that to lay on the hearts of many to pray and seek His face. When God gives the blessing which He plans, He will have fitted all the elements together so that He will reward those who seek Him and that those who do not seek His blessing will not find it. It is always wrong to put God's sovereign grace over against human will and obedience. It is

wrong to suppose that men can, of themselves, be saved without God's election and God's choosing. It is equally wrong to suppose that God will save people who do not seek Him and who do not repent. Just so you may be sure that when the great revival at Pentecost came, it came because God's people worked with God's plan and God's people paid God's price for the blessing that He intended to give. If God had planned ahead of time to give His power only on the precise date of Pentecost (which is nowhere declared in the Bible), then you may be sure that He laid a burden on these waiting disciples and made them willing to wait upon Him and call upon Him. So the blessing came of God's choice on the one hand, and because men pleaded and waited for it on the other. God never makes people have a revival who do not want one. God does not make a soul winner out of one who is not willing to be a soul winner. God does not fill with the Spirit those who do not seek to be filled with the Spirit.

### II. Many Bible Christians Were Filled With the Spirit Because They Prayed

Fortunately honest seeking hearts do not have to quarrel about whether the promise that God will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him is for all ages, or not. We have Bible examples, many of them, of people who prayed and as a result of their prayers were filled with the Holy Spirit. These examples range from Old Testament to the life of Christ and to Pentecost and then following Pentecost. And these examples prove that the promise is for all ages. Those who want to be filled with the Spirit of God may do so if they earnestly prevail in prayer for this power.

#### 1. Elisha Filled With the Spirit in Answer to Prayer

The second chapter of II Kings tells of the translation of Elijah and of how Elisha, the servant of the elder prophet, prayed and waited until he himself should have this same power of the Holy Spirit which rested upon Elijah. Any Christian may read it and meditate upon it with great blessing.

But first it is well to remember that Elijah was filled with the Holy Spirit in the New Testament fashion. This is clearly taught in Luke 1:15-17. There we are told that John the Baptist should "be filled with the Holy Ghost" and turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. The term, "filled with the Holy Ghost," is the same term, exactly, as that used in Acts 2:4 about Pentecost. It is the same term as used in Acts 4:31 about the disciples, and in Acts 9:17 about the Apostle Paul. It is almost exactly the same words as the command to us in Ephesians 5:18, "be filled with the Spirit." But what John the Baptist had when he was "filled with the Holy Ghost" was exactly what Elijah had! For verse 17, following, says, "And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias . . ." John the Baptist, as the forerunner of Jesus, had upon him the Spirit and the power of Elijah. John who turned many of the children of Israel to the Lord his God, as we are told, had this same Spirit and power that Elijah had! Elijah was filled with the Holy Spirit in the New Testament manner. He had the same power the disciples received at Pentecost. The same Bible term is used about it. With that in mind, let us study how Elisha, too, was filled with the power of God as Elijah was. Elisha in the Old Testament and John the Baptist in the New Testament were both filled with the Spirit after the pattern of Elijah.

Now read II Kings 2:1-15:

"And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. And Elisha said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha

said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head today? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. And Elisha said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho. And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head today? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. And Elisha said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. And Elisha took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elisha said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee before I be taken from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou has asked a hard thing; nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; and he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The Spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him."

In this remarkable story note the following truths:

(a) Elisha made his request in these words, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." This prayer, though uttered to Elijah, was certainly a prayer to God. And God heard and answered.

(b) The persistence of Elisha in replying again and again, "As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee," shows that he was determined and that he waited on God continually for this blessing, a double portion of the Spirit of God which rested on Elijah.

(c) Elisha got the blessing he requested. The mantle of Elijah was only a symbol of the mighty power of God which was upon him.

The miracle-working manifestation of the Holy Spirit came upon Elisha as it has been upon Elijah. Remember that the ministry gifts are simply the manifestation of the fullness of the Holy Spirit. And even the sons of the prophets said, "The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha" (v. 15). It is very, very significant that Elisha asked for "a double portion" of the Spirit that rested on Elijah, and that while we have eight recorded major miracles by Elijah, there were sixteen recorded major miracles by Elisha! The list is given in full in my book, *Prayer, Asking and Receiving*.

Here we have a remarkable instance of the fullness of the Holy Spirit which came in answer to a man's prayer.

#### 2. The Power of Pentecost Came in Answer to Prayer

Let us remind you again of Acts 1:14 which tells what brought the blessing of Pentecost. "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

#### 3. After Pentecost This Same Group Prayed and Again "Were All Filled with the Holy Ghost"

Many people believe that up

until Pentecost it was all right for Christians to pray for the fullness of the Spirit, but that after Pentecost, since all Christians have the Holy Spirit, that it would be needless and out of order to pray for the Holy Spirit. However, the same group of disciples and perhaps many of the new converts, after Pentecost prayed again, and again were filled with the Holy Spirit. This is recorded in Acts 4:31 as follows: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." It is important to notice that in Acts 2:4, speaking of the power which came at Pentecost, and in Acts 4:31, speaking of the blessing which came later to the same group, the same nine words are used. Check these nine words in the two verses: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Before Pentecost they prayed and were all filled with the Holy Ghost. After Pentecost they prayed again and were all filled with the Holy Ghost! So, beyond any peradventure of a doubt, after Pentecost was over and gone, it was still proper for people to pray and to be filled with the Holy Spirit as a result of prayer.

If you will study the prayer which brought the fullness of the Holy Spirit in Acts 4:31 you will see that Christians prayed, "And now Lord . . . grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus" vs. 29, 30). The boldness they sought, the miracles and signs and wonders which they begged for could come only as the ministry gifts, the manifestations of the fullness of the Holy Spirit. You may be sure that they knew for what they prayed. They prayed to be filled with the Holy Ghost and they were filled with the Holy Ghost. They prayed for the same blessing that they had prayed for before Pentecost and received on that day. They prayed again and they received the same blessing. And so it is proper for Christians to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit since Pentecost.

#### 4. Saul, Later Called Paul the Apostle, Was Filled With the Holy Spirit After Three Days of Fasting and Prayer

In the ninth chapter of Acts is the marvelous story of the conversion of Saul. He was on his road down to Damascus breathing out threatenings and slaughter, in-

tending to seize Christians and to bring them bound, both men and women, to Jerusalem for trial and perhaps for stoning. But a light from Heaven shone round about him and he fell to the earth and heard the voice of the Lord Jesus saying, "Saul, Saul why persecutest thou me?" Then we are told, "And he said, Who art thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do" (Acts 9:5, 6).

Please consider carefully that Saul was here immediately converted. In fact, there are no conversions in the Bible which were gradual. There were no cases of people saved little by little, or saved any other way but instantly. In every case in the Bible inquirers were taught to put their trust in Christ and be saved. Saul had heard Stephen preach with great power and we may be sure he had heard the gospel plainly. Here Saul, with a penitent heart, down on his face, called Jesus "Lord," surrendered to Him and offered to do anything Jesus wanted him to do. He said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" This penitent man who accepted Jesus as Saviour and Lord and surrendered his will to Him, here became a Christian. And it was here on the Damascus road that Paul was born again, "as one born out of due time" (I Cor.

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15:8). So Paul himself declared that he was born again when he saw Jesus. And now Paul the believer, the new convert, blinded, is led by the hand to Damascus.

But strangely enough Paul "was three days without sight and did neither eat nor drink." And when the Lord went to Ananias and told him to come to see Paul he said, "Behold he prayeth" (Acts 9:11). But Paul was fasting and praying for three days and nights after he found Christ! For what, do you suppose, did Paul pray? He was not praying for salvation—he already had that. He was not praying for the forgiveness of his sins. They were already forgiven. And when Ananias came to him, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 9:17). Note that Ananias called Saul "Brother Saul." Paul was a brother Christian now. And note that Ananias did not say that the Lord had sent him "that thou mightest be saved." No, no, Paul was already saved. Ananias was sent to this Christian brother that Paul might receive his sight "and be filled with the Holy Ghost."

I know that Paul was praying to be filled with the Holy Spirit because that is what he got. Let me illustrate it by the following simple story.

Once in Dallas, Texas, I sat in my study on the second floor of the Galilean Baptist Church. Across the street men were painting a house. Under the hackberry trees that grew outside my window I could see the lawn and the first story of the house. The upper story was hidden by the leafy branches. But I saw a man come around from the back of the house and stand by the front porch and lift his face and his hands as if he were in prayer. He looked up, though I could not see that which he saw. He spoke, but I could not hear his words. But suddenly from above I saw a ladder descend. He seized it with his hands, laid it on his shoulders and turning, walked around the house and out of sight. The man asked an unseen person for something; I could not hear what he said, but I know what he said. To the man on top of the front porch he said, "Hand me down the ladder, Bill!", because, he took the ladder and went on his way satisfied. He got that which he requested. Just so, I am sure that Paul those three days and nights when he fasted and prayed, was pleading for the power of the Holy Spirit. He had been convicted under the mighty preaching of Spirit-filled Stephen. He had seen dying Stephen stoned to death, but with a face like an angel's, and Stephen's message had pricked his heart ever since. Paul wanted to be like Stephen—filled with the Holy Ghost! And he waited on God until he got the blessing he sought. Then straightway he arose and was baptized and began to preach Christ!

### 5. Paul and Barnabas Filled With the Holy Ghost for Missionary Journeys in Answer to Prayer

It is interesting that the people who were filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost were filled again with the Holy Spirit the same way, when they prayed again, as recorded in Acts 4:31. Just so, we are pleased to find that Paul himself was filled with the Holy Spirit afresh on another occasion, in answer to prayer. The story is told in Acts 13:1-4, as follows:

"Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene and Manaen,

which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus."

An earnest prayer meeting was going on in the church at Antioch. Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, and the young preacher Paul were present. They "ministered to the Lord, and fasted." The Holy Spirit had His blessed freedom and spoke to them, saying, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Is it strange that Barnabas and Saul did not immediately set out on their missionary journeys? If they had done so, they would not have been following the example of the first eleven disciples, when they were given the Great Commission. Those eleven were commanded to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. So Paul and Barnabas, called to the great missionary journeys, yet stayed and fasted and prayed. "And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." We do not know how long the prayer meeting continued after they had instructions from God, but it was long enough to involve fasting, the missing of meals and perhaps the missing of sleep. Then they sent them away.

Or rather the Holy Spirit sent them away. "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia." The Holy Spirit had filled Paul and Barnabas afresh. For this is the same kind of language as was used about the Lord Jesus after He was filled with the Holy Spirit. Luke 4:1 says, "And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness." The same Holy Spirit now filling Paul and Barnabas afresh, led them out on the missionary journey, or thrust them out.

As they went on their journey we find that they came to Paphos and found a false prophet, and Acts 13:9 tells us, "Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, and said, . . ."

Now surely Bible-believing Christians must be impressed with the fact that this fullness of the Spirit came upon Paul and Barnabas because they ministered to the Lord and fasted, and again when they had instructions from God still they fasted and prayed.

It is clear, then, that this side of Pentecost, just as on the other side of Pentecost, people have a right to ask for the fullness of the Spirit and believe that He comes in the power of Pentecost in answer to prevailing prayer.

### 6. Cornelius and His Household Were Filled With the Holy Spirit in Answer to Prayer

A remarkable case is that of Cornelius, the Roman centurion of the Italian band, who was filled with the Holy Spirit as soon as he was saved. Why, do you suppose, was he filled with the Holy Spirit without a season of waiting on God in prayer, after he was saved?

The answer is quite clear, I think, if one reads carefully the whole story of Cornelius. In Acts 10:2 we are told that he was "a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always." Even before he was saved, Cornelius prayed all the time. His heart was crying out to God.

Although God had not revealed to Cornelius the way to be saved, but chose to use His own blessed plan of having the gospel proclaimed by redeemed sinners instead of by angels, yet Cornelius continued to fast and pray. Cornelius told Peter, as recorded in

Acts 10:30, 31, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, and said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God."

Cornelius said, "I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house." Cornelius had been fasting and praying all day, till 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and having had neither breakfast nor lunch. How earnestly this Gentile man sought God! How his heart turned from his sins and longed to know how to be saved! Surely he considered his own waywardness and folly and whether or not he was willing to surrender his will to God and do the will of God. The whole matter of righteousness and pleasing God and complete surrender was gone over in his mind, no doubt. And the angel said then to Cornelius, "Thy prayer is heard!"

You and I know that it does not take days of prayer for one to be saved. Throughout the Bible the promise is everywhere the same. The one who comes to Christ even the first time is never cast out. One who believes in Christ, instantly has everlasting life. There is nothing in the Bible to encourage anybody to go one full minute without settling with Christ once forever the matter of salvation. One who receives Christ then has everlasting life. So say the Scriptures again and again. But God had planned it that it is at the name of Jesus that men shall bow. He had planned it that only by personal faith in Christ are people to be saved, not by good resolves, not by surrender of the will, not by righteous deeds and giving alms. All these things Cornelius did, and did them with all of his heart; not as a Pharisee, but with a heart that longed to know God and please God. And so of course the moment that he heard the plan of salvation he trusted Christ and was saved. As soon as Peter had said that "whoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43), Cornelius trusted the Lord and was saved. But now that Cornelius is saved, he has already been seeking God. He has already had his heart searched. He is already glad to do the perfect will of the Father. And so he is filled with the Holy Spirit. I think that we may properly say that all the heart-searching and prayer and pleading that had gone before had fitted him now to make a complete decision and to trust the Lord for the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We must say that the fullness of the Holy Spirit in this case was given in answer to prayer. It is an unusual case in that the fullness of the Spirit came immediately at

his regeneration. But we must say that the power of the Holy Spirit came in answer to the cry of his earnest, pleading heart.

Some people today do not know how to simply trust in Christ because they have not been enlightened by the Bible. I have known such people to spend days and nights in earnest, heart-searching prayer, pleading with the Lord for salvation. I have known them during this period of mourning and conviction and praying to give up every known sin, to try to find and do the will of God about every detail of their lives. You and I know that these good thoughts and good words and good deeds and good resolutions do not save a soul. But the prayers and tears and repentings that go in such a time certainly do fit one to do the will of God. I have known a good many such cases when such people who finally learned God's simple plan of salvation, by penitent faith were wonderfully filled with the Holy Spirit at the same time as their conversion. I have known such people to instantly become active and powerful soul winners.

In fact, Charles G. Finney's conversion and his baptism of the Holy Spirit (for that is what he called it) came at about the same time. Almost immediately when he was assured of salvation, he was filled with the Holy Spirit in mighty soul-winning power. But no reader of Finney's autobiography can avoid the conclusion that the fullness of the Holy Spirit came after most earnest

and brokenhearted prayer.

Cornelius and his household are simply another example of people, long after Pentecost, filled with the Holy Spirit as a result of prayer.

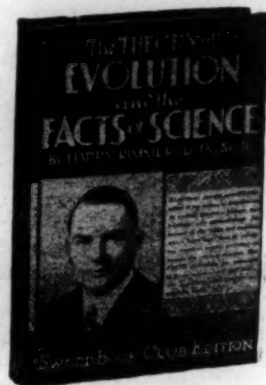
Surely you must be impressed with the case of Christians in Acts 4:31; of Paul in Acts, chapter 9; of Paul and Barnabas again in Acts, chapter 13, and of Cornelius in Acts, chapter 10, all of whom were filled with the Holy Spirit in answer to their prayers, all after Pentecost.

(This article on how to be filled with the Holy Spirit by prevailing prayer will be continued next week when we will give clear examples of some who were filled with the Holy Spirit in Bible times because of the prayers of others, and will show how many, many promises of answers to prayer cover the matter of praying for the Holy Spirit's fullness. Don't miss the next article.)

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"Last week I received two of the three books which I ordered recently. They have been a real blessing to me.

"One of them, *The Theory of Evolution and the Facts of Science*, held a particular attraction because it dealt with a topic of keenest interest to me. I am majoring in science in high school. This spring, after completing a course in biology my belief in the creation as stated in Genesis was badly shaken by the so-called facts of evolution that teachers and textbooks teach one. I had not only done the required classwork, but I had spent many long hours of extra work on biology, spending most of them on the study of man and animals, which usually stressed their relationship. Naturally, unless one is well-grounded in the correct doctrine, he cannot withstand too much of that lying theory without becoming confused. However, after reading Dr. Rimmer's splendid books, things are so much clearer. I would give anything to be taking biology over this year with the added knowledge derived from his book. I think I could help some of the others that were loaded down with that false doctrine also. I would like to see every student of science with a copy of Dr. Rimmer's book in his possession, and I would want them to use it in resistance to the lies of evolution."

"Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
M. Y.

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## More Salvation Letters

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newspaper, the sermons themselves read so easily, and the topics are so interesting, that many, many unsaved people will read this paper when it is sent to their homes. We have letters from a good many who have found this a good way to win sinners. Note the following:

"... I have subscribed for THE SWORD OF THE LORD for quite a few friends, and all praise it to the sky. One young couple got saved through it, and now attend church regularly..."  
Lilly Hugg  
Pomeroy, Wash.

"... I enjoy the sermons so much—so much, so that you will remember I subscribed for my three sons on February 26, 1948. These sermons are good and should be in each home. The one daughter-in-law used one of the sermons to send in a letter to an unsaved friend (she clipped it out, to enclose it in her letter) and this friend has gone to her eternal home just last Wednesday a saved woman. So it pays, doesn't it?"

Mrs. James Heckaman  
Nappanee, Ind.

"... At present I am living in a trailer court and have been giving THE SWORD OF THE LORD to those who do not know the Lord. Just recently I had a fine conversion through the sermons and my pointing the way..."

Myrtle Stephenson  
Dayton, Ohio

### Saved Through Editor's Book, "Prayer—Asking and Receiving"

"I cannot let this month pass by without letting you know how much I enjoy your paper and books. I was truly saved about a year ago while reading your book on Prayer. I wanted to do what was right before, but just didn't understand the great love of our Lord. I will be eternally grateful that the Lord has used you to do so much good in this world..."

Mrs. W. Martin Mowry  
Mann's Choice, Pennsylvania

### Saved Through Sword; Now Prepares for Full-Time Service

"Dear Christian Friends:  
"There is a Scripture which reads, 'To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.' According to this verse, I feel that I have sinned in not writing more often to thank you for the many blessings my wife and I received from THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Please forgive me."

"As I have previously written to you folks, I found Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour while stationed in England with the United States Army as a result of reading some of the sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I continue to praise God for leading me to subscribe for your paper—the first religious paper I had ever subscribed to in my life. And I do thank the Lord Jesus for saving my soul from an eternal Hell to God's eternal Heaven."

"I was saved about four years ago and during the four years the Lord has blessed me so much in so many ways that they have truly been the happiest four years of my life. In February of this year I entered the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and am now preparing for full-time service for the Lord—wherever He leads..."

Clarence Ecker

### Woman Wins Father, Ill With Cancer, Through Booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

"... A friend borrowed The Coming Kingdom of Christ and took it along to work with her to read during the lunch hour. A fellow-worker, a Roman Catholic, became interested in the book, and after reading it, longed to read the Bible. My friend obtained a Bible for her and we are praying for her conversion."

"My father was saved after reading 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' He was ill with cancer at the time. No one considers cancer a blessing, but after living all his previous life without

the knowledge of Christ's redemptive work, his illness brought with it a longing for spiritual things. He came to love reading in God's Word and to rest upon His promise of salvation for those who accept Christ as their Saviour and Lord..."

Mrs. Jasper Sweet, Jr.  
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"... I have been familiar with Dr. Rice's books for four years now. It was while reading one of his books that I passed from 'death unto life'..."

Mrs. Madison J. Barnes  
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### "How This Little Booklet Has Brought About a Change in Our Home"

"Enclosed is \$1.00 for 50 of the booklets, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' I shall use them as you have instructed. I can't tell you how I was blessed and how this little book has brought about a change in our home. My husband was in the Henry Ford Hospital and evidently picked it up from a table where a missionary had left it. Just how the healing was done I can't explain. He was on the critical list. Had two blood transfusions and doctors and nurses were with him all the time. Now he had been a heavy drinker and had the worst habit of swearing I ever heard. Well, when he came home he was a well man and no more drinking and less swearing. And, too, the doctors could not find any trace of illness. I believe that is the way God moves first the blade and then the ear."

"I am just a housewife with a lot of roomers and I will keep these books out where maybe some one will pick them up."

"The other one I sent to a friend. Some sow and others reap. If even one seed finds fertile soil in a sinner, no effort is ever lost. Whatever we invest in Christ's kingdom can never be lost."

Mrs. P. A. O.  
Dearborn, Mich.

### Rebellious Wife Learns Through Sword How to Win Husband and Children

Many times it is impossible to win a lost man if his Christian wife is in the way. So we regularly try to help Christians remove the hindrances in their lives. We get a good many letters from Christian women who have learned through THE SWORD OF THE LORD, the editor's book on The Home; Courtship, Marriage and Children, or the booklet, *Rebellious Wives and Slacker Husbands*, or the popular *Bobbed Hair, Bossy Wives and Women Preachers*, how wicked is the sin of rebellion and who have found that God now answers their prayers when they learned to follow God's way."

From St. Louis comes a lovely letter telling how a woman won her Catholic husband. What a blessing to have steady, consistent, evangelistic Bible teaching in the home through THE SWORD OF THE LORD! Read this letter and rejoice.

"My heart is so full of joy there is not room to contain it. I also must share with you your portion of my joy for it is by the help of Brother Rice and the Sword Publishers that our home is now a complete circle in the Lord."

"Brother Rice, when you were in St. Louis a few years ago, I, being a SWORD OF THE LORD reader, was anxious to hear you preach. When I heard you preach and read your sermons, I was greatly helped and my eyes were opened as to why my prayers for my husband (a Catholic) were not answered."

"I realized I was a rebellious wife, although God knew it not, nor do millions of women today. Oh, if only God's shepherds would tell us the truth and how we might be in tune with His will! I had taught in Sunday School for years and had led many to Christ, including our three children, but my husband still remained outside."

"I began to put myself under him. God alone knows the awful struggle with Satan and how God heard and how stubborn cases in my church, in my sisters and

brothers, began to melt."

"Last night my husband was baptized into our church, having been a Christian for about two years but joined only three weeks ago."

"There is a definite revival in our church and the Holy Spirit is moving in a powerful way. Many families are all being completed. It seems that it has been so in a remarkable way."

"My son (18 years) has dedicated his life for foreign missions."

"My husband began to pick up THE SWORD OF THE LORD and read it long before he made his stand for the Lord; so did he read books I got from your club."

"I wanted to share with you our victory, as you only know as we write. I had intended putting off writing but I saw your invitation to write. So thanks for your help. May God still continue to use you and keep you ever near the cross."

Mrs. D. V.  
St. Louis, Mo.

### "So It Pays, Doesn't It?"

That is what Mrs. James Hickman of Nappanee, Indiana, said, as quoted in her letter above. She sent the Sword to her three sons. A daughter-in-law clipped out one of the sermons and sent it to an unsaved friend. The friend was saved and has now gone to Heaven, and she says, "So it pays, doesn't it?" Do you agree with Mrs. Heckaman?

Mrs. Myrtle Stephenson of Dayton, Ohio, says, "I live in a trailer court," and she has been giving THE SWORD OF THE LORD to friends around her, and she reports, "Just recently I had a fine conversion through the sermons and my pointing the way..." THE SWORD OF THE LORD helps make soul winners.

Lilly Hugg of Pomeroy, Washington, subscribed for THE SWORD OF THE LORD for friends, and writes, "One young couple got saved through it, and now attend church regularly..." You can see the value of subscribing for THE SWORD OF THE LORD for unsaved friends and relatives and the importance of giving extra copies to the unsaved.

Another woman writes that her son was saved through *Neglect, The Shortest Road to Hell*. Another reader says she was saved through the book on *Prayer*. A soldier was saved in England as a result of reading some of the sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. An old man, ill with cancer, was saved through the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Another who had been reading my books for four years, writes: "It was while reading one of his books that I passed from death unto life..." A missionary left the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" on a table at the famous Ford Hospital and a man was saved. Even the book on the Home showed a wife how to win her husband. That is the kind of results that God in His mercy has been giving through THE SWORD OF THE LORD and our literature.

Just this week we have read in Spurgeon's Autobiography how 'nearly every day, and certainly every week, Mr. Spurgeon heard from some soul saved through his printed sermons,' scattered throughout England, America, and Australia, widely printed in secular newspapers. My heart rejoices that the same God lives today and puts the same kind of blessing on simple, plain, Spirit-filled, Scriptural and fervent Christian literature with the evangelistic fire. We can say as truly as Mr. Spurgeon, nearly every day we have letters from those saved through our literature and never a week goes by without a number of such reports of salvation coming in to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Praise the Lord who is the same yesterday, today and forever!

There are several things therefore that Christians ought to do about this literature. First, let me earnestly plead that every reader help get THE SWORD OF THE LORD to ministers and Christian workers everywhere. Who will help send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to over one thousand earnest, Bible-believing missionaries who want it? Who will send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to thousands of godly ministers in the states who would be so

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### Sparkling Additions to the Conference Program

Last week we told you of the following speakers on the program at the Chicago Conference on Revival and Soul Winning.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

Dr. Billy Graham

Dr. Joe Henry Hankins

Evangelist Bill Rice

Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.

Dr. Faris E. Whitesell, professor of evangelism in the Northern Baptist Seminary

Mr. Frank Sheriff, president Chicago Christian Business Men's Committee

Mr. Harry Saulnier, director of the famous Pacific Garden Mission

We announce some specially gifted and Spirit-filled musicians who will stir our hearts including Rev. Elbert T. Tindley, colored soloist, with Mrs. Tindley. Brother Tindley is a Spirit-filled, dramatic and fervent singer, with a great voice. Some years ago he was offered a great sum to appear in the Hollywood moving picture, "Green Pastures," but turned it down to keep on singing for the Lord Jesus. I believe that my own heart has been stirred by the singing of Brother Tindley than by any other singer I ever heard, white or black. It is not entertainment but Spirit-filled singing with the power of God upon it.

We announced also the cornetist, Emil Aanderud, who will be with us for the entire week. And Mr. Merrill Dunlop, associate pastor of the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, famous pianist and organist, author of many gospel songs, will be with us throughout the conference, in charge of music.

Now we are glad to announce that the program is being strengthened even further. Dr. William Culbertson, president of Moody

richly blessed by these sermons and Bible messages, as have thousands of other preachers of the gospel already? We have the names of many preachers and missionaries who would be friendly to the message of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and would be greatly blessed by it if someone would only send the paper to them for a trial. Where friends wish to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to large lists of names, we will make this special price of \$1.00 for 8 months. The campaign is over, of course, but those who want to send subscriptions to ten or more preachers at this price may do so.

Then others should help us get out the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and other Christian literature. We have many, many calls from prisons, from missionaries, from Christian workers. If you do not have a sample of this twenty-four page booklet of which 3 1/2 million copies have been printed and which has resulted in over 3,600 happy conversions, then write for a sample today. Those who wish to buy copies may have them at \$2.00 a hundred, postpaid. To those who wish to give away copies free, we will send a reasonable quantity provided we receive a solemn promise that copies will be given only to those who promised to read them or who voluntarily take them from a tract rack or table.

We give away from \$1,000 to \$2,000 worth of free literature every month. We recently furnished some seventy thousand copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" which were given away in practically every house in Akron, Ohio. It was hoped that pastors and churches could help on the printing expense of these booklets but they have thus far been unable to do so. We received a number of decisions from those saved in the Akron area through these booklets. Those who wish to help on the free literature, may send your offerings to Sword of the Lord Publishers, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois. Bible Institute, has graciously consented to speak in the conference. A bishop in the Protestant

Episcopal Church, thoroughly sound in doctrine, burdened for souls, and responsible for the training of hundreds of young people in soul-winning, in Moody Bible Institute where he has followed D. L. Moody, J. Wilbur Chapman, R. A. Torrey, James M. Gray and Will Houghton, Bishop Culbertson will bring a real blessing.

Pastor William McCarrell, pastor of the large Cicero Bible Church, is the founder and head of a large laymen's soul-winning group called the Cicero Fishermen's Club. Last year they won 5,206 people to profession of faith in Christ. Pastor McCarrell will speak to us on soul winning and tell us how it was done. If you want to win souls you should not miss this.

Evangelist George Bennard, famous song writer who wrote "The Old Rugged Cross," the most popular gospel song or hymn ever written, writes that he thinks he can be with us. What a thrill to hear him and Mrs. Bennard sing, and to meet the man and hear the testimony and earnest plea of this man so greatly used of God. You will want to learn his revival song also.

We are asking Miss Winifred Larson, "The Kate Smith of the Gospel," the Swedish girl so richly blessed of God in singing throughout the north, to be with us through the eight days, and we hope she can accept.

There are many evidences that God is going to give a marvelous outpouring of His blessing and power. The way He is moving the hearts of Christian leaders to cooperate is certainly auspicious. The open doors, the cooperation, the burden of the speakers to help us in this matter of stirring revival passion and soul-winning activities and Holy Spirit power, leads us to believe that we will have the greatest conference on soul winning in a generation! May God make it true! How our hearts will rejoice if we can see again such times of spiritual blessing and power, with hundreds and thousands of Christian workers going back to their fields with new visions and power of the Holy Spirit, like the things which happened at the Northfield conferences under the leadership of D. L. Moody, R. A. Torrey, J. Wilbur Chapman, A. J. Gordon, John McNeill, and others!

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We are making strong efforts to provide beds free for pastors of small churches and ministerial students or evangelists who could not otherwise afford to come to this conference and pay for hotel rooms. If you cannot pay for hotel room and wish to come to this conference as a serious time of heartsearching and preparation and learning how to win souls and have revival, we think we can provide a bed for you. And inexpensive meals can be bought for as little as \$1.50 to \$2.00 a day.

However, it is important that those who want free beds come with an honest intention of attending every service of the conference possible. We do not encourage anybody to ask for free rooms and then spend the time in sight-seeing and pleasure, not attending the services of the conference.

If you are a minister or ministerial student and would like to have a free room to make it possible for you to attend the conference, please write at once to Evangelist John R. Rice, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois. We cannot provide the rooms unless we know in time and get the necessary cooperation in Chicago. So by all means write at once. We hope Chicago Christians will write us offering free beds, when you read this.

Now read over the above information carefully. If you want reservations at hotels, write to a hotel directly at the address given. If you want a free bed, furnished in Christ's name, because you cannot afford the hotel, write to the editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.



## THE EDITOR'S NOTES

## 928 Miles in 20 Hours!

Sunday night, September 26, we closed a revival campaign with the First Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Rev. Gordon L. Price, pastor. The first week and a half of the campaign it seemed imperative that I preach to the Christians. Little by little God broke down the spirit of worldliness, sent a deep burden on the hearts of Christians, and began to bring in the backsliders and the wayward. The last four or five days a good many were being saved every night, much visitation and soul-winning effort was going on, and in the closing service Sunday night there were about thirty people who came to profess faith in Christ or who came as backsliders confessing their worldliness and sin and coming back to Christ. Many, many other Christians came forward besides these thirty, to rededicate themselves to Christ. And that included people quitting the movies and tobacco, starting family altar and otherwise laying themselves on the altar for Christ.

Among those saved were a good many old men and women, heads of families and sinners for whom the church had prayed for many years. When one white-haired man, past seventy, we suppose, came forward, the pastor whispered to me, "We have been praying for him for fourteen years!" Let me again thank God for the fact, proved over and over again, that where the preaching is sharp and plain against sin, with no compromise and no let up, and where the preaching is in the power of the Holy Spirit and with tenderness as well as plainness, deep and mighty conviction comes upon the people and brings many of the oldest and hardest sinners to Christ!

The Sunday evening closed at ten minutes past nine. In a moment, without waiting to shake hands, Mrs. Rice and I and my secretary were in the car. And we drove on the road home until near 1:00 a. m. We spent the night in a little Maryland town, arose at 6:30 and drove on through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and part of Illinois, arriving at Wheaton at 10:00 p. m. Monday night. Considering the mountains we crossed and heavy traffic through Richmond, Pittsburgh, etc., we felt that God was especially good to us to bring us home in time for a hard day's work in getting out this paper on Tuesday, and to see our loved ones again and to try to catch up with the many, many duties awaiting us here in the office.

## Evangelist Bill a Great Help

Evangelist William H. Rice, the editor's brother, is taking much responsibility in the work of promoting revivals and is a great comfort to the editor's heart. He will be joint director of the Chicago Conference on Evangelism sponsored by THE SWORD OF THE LORD Thanksgiving week. He has done a great deal of the heavy preliminary work, to secure the cooperation of pastors and Christian leaders and Christian institutions, has helped to prepare the way for auxiliary meetings in Rockford, Illinois; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Gary, Indiana. He will be speaking, of course, in the conference and in the auxiliary meetings, and yet also will take a large part of the responsibility for representing THE SWORD OF THE LORD and managing the program.

Brother Bill acts as a judge of The Sword Book Club. His reviews are especially valuable because of the hard work he puts on them, his frankness in discussing the merits and demerits of the books, and his evangelistic viewpoint in selecting books with spiritual power and life-transforming quality. Thank God for Brother Bill! He is unselfish, is just as quick to give his time and energy and money in the promotion of revival work, without any hope for immediate reward, as the editor; and he is a constant joy to those of us who are concerned about widespread

revival in America.

## A Genuine Service for Christians—the Sword Book Club

Some of you who read THE SWORD OF THE LORD have not joined the Sword Book Club. That is hard to understand. When, at no extra expense, one can have the counsel of a number of eminent Christian leaders about books, and can get extra books free by joining The Sword Book Club, and when one need buy only four in a whole year's time and does not need to buy any book he does not want, I cannot see how any reading Christian can afford to miss this opportunity! "Give attendance to reading" is the divine command (I Tim. 2:14). Any Christian who reads less than one book in each three months must surely be a poor Christian who wastes his time and money on less important things. And there is such a mass of ordinary books on the market, and many a book that is unsound in doctrine and many absolutely hurtful and heretical, it seems a pity for any Christian not to have the advantage of the counsel of great men of God like Dr. Robert G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. William Bradbury, editor of the WATCHMAN EXAMINER; Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College; Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University; Dr. T. Roland Phillips, pastor of Arlington Presbyterian Church, Baltimore; Dr. Henry Hepburn, pastor emeritus of Buena Presbyterian Church, Chicago; Evangelist William H. Rice and the editor.

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I suggest that you send for a folder giving all the details of The Sword Book Club at once. There you will be given a list of books from which you may make your choice as to the book you will buy to begin your membership in The Sword Book Club, and a list from which you may select the great book which you will receive FREE by joining. How simple! How money-saving and how valuable the service of The Sword Book Club! And remember it is a service for Christ carried on by THE SWORD OF THE LORD for the spread of the gospel.

## EDITOR'S NEW ENGLAND TOUR

When this issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD reaches readers, the editor will be on a tour of New England, sponsored by the New England Fellowship of Evangelicals. Readers in New England who would like to attend might be able to come to some of the following services:

Monday night, October 4—Montauk Avenue Baptist Church, New London, Connecticut. Rev. Edward Hanson, pastor.

Tuesday night, October 5—Evangelical Free Church, New Haven, Connecticut. Rev. E. S. Eielson, pastor.

Wednesday night, October 6—Berean Memorial Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Mr. E. L. Fitch in charge.

Thursday night, October 7—Emmanuel Gospel Church, New Britain, Connecticut. Rev. Ralph Williams, pastor.

Friday night, October 8—Carew

## Teen Trends

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domestic liquor consumption, disregard for God and the rules of sobriety and common decency. The Lord's name, once held in reverence in the family circle, is today a familiar household word in profanity. Immorality among adult members inevitably tends toward immoral children. Rapid divorce increases, exceeding one out of every three marriages, can only result in juvenile delinquency. Unchecked by 1958 this ratio will have reached one out of every two. Because of these and other contributing factors, for wayward youngsters, crime begins at home, not in a dark alley or a hideout.

PARENTALLY speaking, the trend is incriminating! Young criminals are not born, they are the products of parental neglect or exploitation. God is being blocked out of their lives. The late Father Flannigan stated a truth, "There are no bad boys, there are only bad parents." They remind one of the Tennessee mother who saved from the burning farm shack a few pieces of crockery and the featherbed only to realize too late that her darling baby was in that raging inferno. Too many parents are too busy gathering up too many pebbles of materialism, cocktails and night life and are leaving the gems of discipline, care and love lie untouched or detailing them to jittersbugging baby sitters.

Daughters are what their mothers are. Sons are what their fathers make them. Usually Dad is Champion. He is an idol in his son's eyes. He ought to be. How careful, then, he must be in setting the pace for that little Master of Imitation. Leaving home for the tavern, a drunken dad trudged through the drifted snow only to be stopped cold in his tracks. He heard a voice behind him, "Daddy, your steps are too big for me. I'm following in your steps." It sobered him! Righteous-living mothers and dads are the need of the hour. Parents owe it to their children to provide them a rich spiritual heritage.

SPIRITUALLY, the trend can be changed! "The immediate need," says Chief Edgar Hoover, "is to bring the riches of Christ to every youngster in America." Properly reared "in the way he should go," there can be but one result according to God's infallible Word, "when he is old he will not depart out of it."

The prime need is, God in the home. Simply stated, the old-fashioned fireside must come again into its own. America needs a rebirth of the life that recognized God in the household. Homes cannot be built without Him. Without spiritual foundations they rest upon sand and provide breeding grounds for moral decay, whereas Bible-reading, Christ-centered homes eventuate in marital happiness and Christian children. Wholesome family life depends upon religious thought and action.

The Sunday School and church come next. The FBI Director insists, "The Sunday School must

Street, Baptist Church, Springfield, Massachusetts. Rev. Linwood Detweiler, pastor.

Saturday night, October 9—Mechanics Hall, (Youth for Christ), Worcester, Massachusetts. Mr. William Hartman, in charge.

Sunday, October 10—First Baptist Church, West Townsend, Massachusetts. Rev. M. H. Butler, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

Wednesday night, October 13—First Baptist Church, Foxboro, Massachusetts. Rev. Edward Barrum, pastor.

Thursday night, October 14—Temple Baptist Church, Fall River, Massachusetts. Rev. Robert Carlberg, pastor.

Friday night, October 15—Baptist Church, Bellerose, Long Island. Rev. Frank Hagemann, pastor.

Saturday night, October 16—Worcester, Massachusetts. (Church will be announced).

Sunday, October 17, morning, afternoon and evening services, Worcester, Massachusetts. (Churches will be announced).

## Dr. Bob Jones Says:

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"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."—Acts 16:31.

## A Lasting Christmas Gift

"Dear Christian Friends:

"These offers of yours for letter month are so astounding, they have moved me out of my past indifference about writing, but now I want to join the thousands who are writing to thank you for your paper.

"THE SWORD OF THE LORD came to me as a Christmas gift a year ago and has truly been a blessing to me. I was saved about six months before that while I was working in Washington for the government. Then I went home where there was no fundamental church to attend. I lived in a small Indiana town and was going with a young man who lived in Illinois and who was saved during the Easter meeting in a modern church. We marvel at God's grace in making such a thing possible, but he was saved! He was saved about four months before I was, but had little or no opportunity to grow in grace and in knowledge of the Lord in that atmosphere.

"But together we read THE SWORD OF THE LORD and several of Dr. Rice's pamphlets sent to me by friends here, and we finally found one church in a nearby Indiana town that was truly preaching the Word. So each Lord's day would start out—me from home about eighteen miles by bus, and him from his home about twice that far by automobile—and we would meet and go to that church. But there was a period of five months when THE SWORD and Dr. Rice's articles were our only contact with the truth.

"When we came into fellowship of that church, we witnessed for THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and I believe some subscriptions resulted.

"We have been married now for six months—in that fundamental church near home—and have come back here, where my husband works, and we have joined the church where I was saved. Your

paper is a constant guide and a real joy to us.

"The Lord is blessing our home with a baby in September, and now in the evenings as I crochet my husband reads aloud from THE SWORD. We particularly enjoyed the March 12 article, 'Home, Sweet Home,' and we pray that by God's grace our home will always be the sweet home that it is now . . ."

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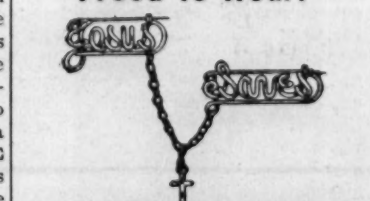
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## "When I See The Blood"

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sprinkled on the lintel. The restless girl was not satisfied till she was carried to the door to see for herself; and lo! the blood was not there. The order had been neglected. The father at once made haste to put upon his door the sacred token of protection.

This is only a legend, but, does it not speak a loud warning to you today? Is the Blood applied to your heart? Ah, what a sad scene there would have been in that Jewish home had it not been for the anxiety of the girl! Have you no anxiety concerning your soul's salvation? Judgment will surely fall. Is the Blood applied? Accept Christ as your Saviour and claim His Blood as the covering for your sins.

Come along a little farther. Here is a humble cottage where live a believing father, a trusting mother and children. This house is less imposing but more secure than all the others, for the perfect lamb has been slain, the blood has been caught in a basin and applied overhead and on the sideposts with a bunch of hyssop—exactly as God commanded. The happy family is eating inside, safe, loins girded, shoes on their feet, staff in hand, eating in haste for it is the Lord's passover. They are ready for the homeward march.

God's way is the best way,  
God's way is the right way,  
I'll trust in Him alway,  
He knoweth the best.

Friend, that was a long and exciting journey down Egyptway but what we have seen is a perfect picture of God's perfect salvation through the death of His perfect Lamb. Sinners are bond slaves under condemnation; God has planned deliverance through the perfect Sacrifice and the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"O the blood, the blood is all my plea;  
Hallelujah! for it cleanseth me."

Redeemed, believing sinners are sheltered from God's righteous judgment by being under the blood and in Christ. There is no other way of salvation. There is no other place of safety.

There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved, to sin no more.

Satan consistently and constantly tries to persuade folks to accept substitutes for God's best things. He has convinced many that church membership is an adequate substitute for the new birth. Far be it from us to minimize church membership; we choose, on the contrary, to magnify and exalt it. On the other hand, we warn against making church membership a substitute for salvation, against making enrollment in the visible church a substitute for enrollment in the invisible church and the Lamb's Book of Life. Likewise, Satan is not at all opposed to baptism in any form, provided it is not baptism of the Holy Spirit, and provided it is not preceded by the new birth. Again, we declare our interest in baptism provided it succeeds salvation and does not displace it. Morality is a most commendable thing, all too rare among us, and even too little manifested among Christians in our day; a world-wide amorality pervades every land; but let us remember that morality never commends a sinner to God, and that there is none good but God and those to whom He has imparted His goodness. Satan's challenge

is, "Do the best you can." Yet who ever did? And if he did, what of it? The very best that the natural man can do is just enough to grant him eternal punishment. "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7).

### Bible Is A Blood Book

From Genesis to Revelation the whole Bible is bound by a crimson cord and is red with the sacrificial blood.

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Lev. 17:11). "Feed the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). "Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Rom. 5:9). We have redemption through his blood (Eph. 1:7). "Having made peace through the blood of the cross" (Col. 1:20). "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5).

In the soul cleansing blood of the Saviour  
I've been washed in the crimson flood;  
Tho' the world may say, there is hope some other way,  
I'm depending on the blood.

This then is our first thesis: The source of Israel's secure and solid shelter in that awful night of death and judgment was in the blood of the Lamb, shed and applied. The divine inference is that every believer's security lies in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, shed, and applied to his own heart. Then, too—

### II. The Source of Israel's Enjoyment of Perfect Peace Lay in Her Faith in the Assuring Word of God.

Faith in what God had said, viz., "When I see the blood, I will pass over you," gave peace to all faithful Israelites in Egypt on that night of judgment and death.

Suppose we return to Egypt for a few minutes. As we enter one home, we find the blood properly applied to the door posts and lintel, the table is set with roast lamb, unleavened bread and bitter herbs, but no one can eat. A spirit of foreboding has fallen over the entire household. Every now and then a sigh escapes and a muffled sob is heard. Nobody is happy, everybody is miserable. "Why are you not eating the Passover Feast which looks so delicious and appetizing?" we ask. "Oh," replies the father, "do you not realize that this is a fateful night in Egypt, that the death angel is coming through tonight to smite the first-born?" "Yes, but we saw as we entered your home that you had killed the lamb and applied the blood as Moses commanded," we return. The father says, "We love our first-born very dearly and are expecting a most miserable night. How glad we will be when the morning comes."

We bid the family goodnight, and enter the next home. Here, too, the blood is at the door. Here, too, the feast has been made ready and the family is thoroughly enjoying itself as it clears the platter and lets none of the lamb remain until the morning.

"Friends," we ask, "why the hilarity? Are you not aware that the death angel will soon pass this way to destroy the first-born?" "True," replies the father, "but did you not see the blood upon the door as you entered?" "Yes," we add, "but your neighbors next door are very fearful and discomfited over this whole affair. How do you know that the angel will not smite your handsome first-born son?" The father smiles and instantly replies, "God said, 'When I see the blood, I will pass over you.' We have simply taken God at His word."

Which of the two families was more secure, number one or number two? Neither is more secure, but equally secure, because both were secured by the blood of the lamb, shed and applied.

Which of the two was happier?

Anyone can easily see that it is the latter. Why? Because they were resting in the infallible, unchangeable word of God.

### Will It Hold?

Sometime ago a number of boys and girls were playing around a new building. In the yard was a large steel I-beam, a big piece of building iron about twelve inches wide and over twenty feet long. It was to hold up many, many tons in the roof of the building.

One of the small boys, about six years old, crawled up on it cautiously, and said, "I wonder if this will hold me."

He was too small to realize its enormous strength, and he had been taught at home to be careful.

How foolish some people are who doubt the promises of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ has grace and strength for all of our needs and burdens and much, much more besides. Let us freely trust the Lord Jesus Christ with every problem, for He can never fail.

Many Christians are missing much or most of the joy of the Christian life because they are not taking God fully at His word. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one" (John 10:27-30). "These things have I written unto you, . . . that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13).

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said . . .

To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

### Trembling Saints

In the early days of emigration to the West a traveler once came, for the first time in his life, to the banks of the mighty Mississippi. There was no bridge. He must cross. It was early winter, and the surface of the mighty river was sheeted with ice. He knew nothing of its thickness, however, and feared to trust himself to it. He hesitated long, but night was coming on, and he must reach the other shore. At length, with many fears, and infinite caution, he crept out on his hands and knees, thinking thus to distribute his weight as much as possible, and trembling with every sound. When he had gone in this way painfully halfway over he heard a sound of singing behind him. There in the dusk was a colored man driving a four-horse load of coal across upon the ice and singing as he went! Which was safer, the traveler or the colored man? They were equally safe. Which one was happier? Foolish question! Many a Christian creeps tremblingly out upon God's promises where another, stronger in faith, goes singing through life upheld by the same word. "Have faith in God." "Whoso putteth his trust in Jehovah shall be safe."

### One Thing I Know

In some meetings of the Salvation Army in Birmingham, England, one of the worst men in that city was converted. It was not long before some of his evil associates began to make fun of him, and such a conversation as the following ensued:

"You say you are a Christian; who was the father of Jesus Christ?"

"I don't know."

"Who was His mother?"

"I don't know."

"When did He live?"

"I don't know."

"How old was He when He died?"

"I don't know."

"How did He die?"

"I don't know."

"Well, you are a pretty Chris-

tian; you don't know who was the father of Jesus, or who was His mother, or when He lived, or when He died, or how He died,—what do you know?"

Then the rough, but genuine Christian man lifted his head and looking those who were taunting him in the face, replied, "I know that He saved me."

Friend, God has only one way to save sinners: "I am the way; . . . no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). He has laid no other foundation: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). There is no other name that has power to save: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). No other power of salvation is offered to sinners; "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

### The Blood Secures and God's Word Assures

Upon a life I did not live,  
Upon a death I did not die,  
Upon Another's life, Another's death,  
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed,  
Not on the sorrows I have known,  
Another's tears, Another's griefs,  
On them I rest, on them alone.

Not what these hands have done  
Can save the guilty soul;  
Not what this toiling flesh has borne  
Can make the spirit whole.

Thy Blood alone, Lord Jesus,  
Can cleanse my soul from sin;  
Thy Word alone, O Lamb of God,  
Can give me peace within!

## A Handbook for Soul Winners

By DR. R. A. TORREY

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